

Cupid's standing here beside me, and upon this message waits, So I trust you-will remember I but write what he dictates. And 'twas merely to oblige him that at last I gave consent To inflict you with my verses and their time worn sentiment For awhile I satidebating who should claim these worthless lines, But could come to no decision, knowing naught of Valentines, So I turned to little Cupid and requested him to tell Tho it was that had so lately o'er my life cast such a spell

Why, if you are so uncertain, I must put you to the test," Answered Cupid. So, submissive, I agreed to his behest, But a few feet stood he from me, with some arrows and a bow, While he smilingly continued: "It is thus your fate you'll know. Every time I shoot an arrow I shall call some friend by name. And no matter what may happen, you must promise not to blame. If you love, my dart will pierce you with a wild, peculiar pain: If indifferent, then my arrow will rebound and be in vain."

> "Hurry, then, pray do not keep mer in suspense, you roguish child," And convinced he could not touch me. I leaned back and calmly smiled. Four-names followed in succession, but the arrows, with a bound. Harmiess flew far, far beyond me, and were buried in the ground. Then I laughed about at Cupid, who was getting angry fast And meaningly, while aiming, said, "He who laughs the best, laughs last" Next I heard YOUR name and saw him shoot a long sharp pointed dark Which but quivered for an instant, then found shelter in my heart

"Take it out. in mercy, Cupid: you're a cruel, heartless boy." "Tis my turn," he answered coldly, "your discomfort to enjoy." "I am truly sorty. Cupid. I made sport of you just now. If you'll only come and help me, I will pledge a solemn vow That whate'er you care to ask me I will grant beyond a doubt, So, do come and, like a darling, take this dreadful arrow out" shall do my best," he answered. But he tried and tried in vain. Till he said, "I fear 'tis useless; you will have to bear the pain.

"It has probed too deep already, and I know if I should try And should force it out the wound would rankle: you might even die, Now it's time you kept your-promise made to me awhile ago. For this aye my busy day is, with too little time, I trow, Just a line, I prithee, write now, to the one you hold most dear To assure him that your heart and thoughts attend him everywhere." So, at last I've bidden Cupid bear you words of love divine, With the promise, if you wish it, that "I'll be your Valentine."



## **Novelties** In Shirt Waists.

Sensible Changes Predicted by Daisy May.

most attractive specimens. For the past cotton, cut in the latest fashion, with few years they seem each season to pointed cuffs and attached collars, efhave reached a higher plane, both as fectively trimmed in narrow white rerviceable and as beautiful belongings, beading, are sold at \$1.75, and look quite Several new features are introduced this spring which hear out my assertion. For instance, collars are attached, ton stuffs are among the most salable which not only afford a greater degree of the season's products, both because of comfort for the wearer and do away they are inexpensive and women have with the double neckband and oft time obstreperous back collar button, but insure perfect fit and neat appearance. Then, too, there is an advantage in the abolition of yokes, which at best destroyed the symmetry of a fine back despised. and illy concealed the defects of one

Tight sleeves are to be commended as brother article from which shirt waists were originated. Cuffs are gauntlet of experienced haberdashers.

The handmade lingeric shirt waist is most popular shape so far. It gives and without exception are attached. These are, of course, of the standing variety. Where colored collars are supplied they are invariably of the turnover sort, and not so deep as last year. The very high collar has given place to one designed for comfort rather than the leading materials of which the sea-sonable shirt waists are made. Mercer- which it is intended should be

HIRT waists are the stepping new material will be a formidable rival stones from winter to summer of wash silks, as its lasting qualities wearing apparel, and at this mo-ment the shops are flooded with come to appreciate their washable qualeasy laundering, a feature not to be

Deep tucks and the use of large pearl buttons are noticeable on the pique, chambray and percale shirts. These being consistent with the orthodox kinds are always neatly tailored and

pecially if the shirt is of the lingeric shirt waist is order. When it is of percale, pique or other utility materials, the curff is arted. other utility materials, the cuff is fitted lawn or of the sheerest inen cambric. to the sleeve with upturning point, carrying out the same idea. White collars waist, as it is nearly always provided own, we need not hesitate to adopt the under the skirt, while the upper own, we need not hesitate to adopt the with a fancy yoke or some surplice effect. Many of them fasten in the back show—it may even have round corners and be correct. If it takes the form of an uninterrupted upright band, it falls to meet at the center. Colored piques, chambray and mercerized cetton are the leading materials of which the seatons and thread loops. It may be worn the leading materials of which the seatons and thread loops. It may be worn tons and thread loops. It may be worn tons and bestarred in quite irregular fash-tone down the start over a colored or white silk underwalst, and bestarred in quite irregular fash-tone down the start of the start which fill the start

tion is given to the soft stock and trumpet shaped cuffs, which are indescribably chic.

White linen lawn embroidered lavishing between the very simple and very elaborate shirt waist output. These have box plaited backs minus yokes extending a few inches below the shoulder line. Doing away with yokes calls forth my unstinted praise. There was never any real necessity for their being, and not only was the identity of a good back lost, but the line of the shoulder was completely obliterated. In the same category with the em-

broidered lawn may be mentioned the dressy batiste blouse or shirt. It comes in delicate colorings and is made more dainty by the addition of a white mull vest or yoke with tucks held together by beading or fine lace insertion.

The new skirts are the talk of the hour. From being seamless they are Piaited and gathered skirts are met at fringe are also seen. almost every step. These are not uniformly set in around the waist; they are arranged in groups, separated by a very ample flounce. At other times, free even at the waist, and then the same color. skirt is called "In bonne femme" (in Small buttens

plain English, "the old weman"). Other skirts again are "fulled" in only fitting as a princess robe. This is the again I notice that a great many cosform so dear to women. But, as every skirt which is most becoming to our of the latter is finished with a bluding figure. In any case the quite tight, instead of a band, so that it fits as

eries and fringes. The new fringes are exquisite. They are made of fringed out ribbons and also of chenille. Even ly in silk bowknots is the midway offer- hats are being trimmed with these, for

stumes and underskirts covered with and plain fronts with a suggestion of fullness in the nature of shallow plaits which is called famalpur, also makes which is called jamalpur, also makes elegant tailor costumes and handsome

house dresses. palest tints imaginable. Duck's egg is the palest of pale gray. Then comes blue violet, bright brown, rose pink (even in frieze cloth), turquoise blue, mauve, grass green and red. Pastel and flesh tints are reserved for evening specially if the material be "pannes."

chine, with a rich silk fringe on each

lor costume be provided with a taffeta cravat, either white or colored and edga plain space. Bodices are trimmed in ed with lace. Many modistes provide a ities. The material in use is sufficiently decorative in itself; therefore they are sewed together as far as the knees, make. They also make long, tightly made quite plain, which conduces to whence all the fullness bulges out like fitting jackets, or contees, for plaid skirts, and these coatees have however, the plaits or gathers are left seam embroidered in a darker shade of

The trimmings are stitchings, embroid-

> they are quite the rage. Terry velvet is much used for tailor

Colors are either very bright or of the blue is a very fashionable color, as also wear and are trimmed with heavy lace,

Waist sashes are worn more than ever, and they are tied on one side as a rule. They are mostly in black crepe de end. Velvet-sashes edged with chenille

Another pretty idea is that every tai-

Small buttons are now used in preference to large ones, and are put on in groups of two or three in Breton style. Passing on from skirts to bodices, of being princess robes, as they are inwith invisible buttons, and others hook under the arm. A very beautiful one is made of Persian lawn strips half an inch wide, put together with herringbone stitches. The vest and yoke are composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands, which produce a strikingly even at a composed of even narrower bands. long ion, just like the stars which fill the tucked to correspond. Another charm-tucks heavens above us.

Handmade laces composed of lace

braids are as popular as ever for trim-ming purposes. This lace has a great advantage over that made by machine, as it can be adapted to any passing fashion. Some new blouses are veiled entirely with it.

Now that we are in a period where chiffons and gauzes reign supreme, we find that a great number of evening gowns this season are veiled with delcate tissues instead of being comp entirely of handsome silks. Black has nce more been restored to favor for evening wear, and many of the most elegant gowns are of glace silk, veiled

with black spotted net.

Let me introduce to you a real re-Let me introduce to you a real revival—namely, the Louis XVI jacket, with long basques, lace ruffles and gauntilet cuffs. It is made of velvet, fits tight to the figure at the back and opens over an embroidered satin waist-coat with enameled buttons. At present this is worn only for visits, when the fur or heavy cloak is thrown off and left in the anteroom. By and by, however, it will be worn out of doors and will take the phace of the tailor costume on dressy occasions. Of course, the skirt under this jacket must be of silk, satin or velvet, like the jacket itself. I would advise it to be made by 2 self. I would advise it to be made by 2 try, who would never have been heard of out of a little set had it not been for certain social notoriety which she good and lovely Princess of Wales, whose charms, while notable, have profited by her nearness to a throne. Nor is it the flirtatious Princess of Pless, whose charms, while notable, have profited by her nearness to a throne. Nor is it the flirtatious Princess of Pless, whose charms, while notable, have profited by her nearness to a throne. Nor is it the flirtatious Princess of Pless, whose charms, while notable, have profited by her nearness to a throne. Nor is it the flirtatious Princess of Pless, whose charms, while notable, have profited by her nearness to a throne. Nor is it the flirtatious Princess of Pless, whose princess s essential to its complete beauty.

PROPER VENTILATION IN STREET CARS.

HE other day I went into a crowded street car, and the ob-servations I made while riding a lozen blocks convinced me that a good many of the diseases peculiar to winter may be traceable to the conditions of the public conveyances. In the car in which I traveled all the transoms were closed and the fire in the heater was blazing. The torrid temperature that prevailed caused the passengers a great deal of discomfort, for all of them were heavy wraps which they could not conveniently take off. They mopped their foreheads, on which a light perspira-tion had gathered, showing that the heat had opened the pores of the body. I wondered how many of them, stepping out into the zero atmosphere in that condition, would be victims of pneumonia, bronchitis, grip, diphtheria and similar dis-cases; it seemed impossible that they would all escape. The brisk fire was an exception on a very cold day, for in such weather you will usually find that the conductors have difficulty in making it burn, for the simple rea-son that a fire draws better in mild than in severe weather.

Those who ride in overheated, underventilated cars should politely call the conductor's attention to the temperature. The man will generally be found perfectly willing to do the best he can when he learns the better way, but he is a busy, overworked and often underpaid individual who cannot be expected to have the wisdom of a college graduate in matters relating to hygiene. He should be requested to open the ventilators and regulate the heat. The overheating of the cars is dangerous from another standpoint. All sorts of disease germs are carried into the car on the shoes of the passengers, and in the tropical atmosphere these develop and multiply in an amazing degree. Contagion is thus spread abroad, and many epidemics might be traced to the use of overheated public conveyances.

On entering a car always loosen the jacket. The sensible woman modifies the day. Should she by mistake start out on a comparatively mild day wearing her sealskin jacket, it is the part of wisdom to turn back and change it for a fall coat.

The stores in which women shop are always kept at a comfortable temperature for the salespeople, which is not what is suitable for shoppers wearing heavy wraps. Of course, no one would wish the merchants to modify the temperature at the expense of their hardworking employees. Consequently the sensible woman who goes into a store expecting to remain for any length of time will slip off her coat. Some day enterprising merchants will arrange to have coats checked at the door just as they do umbrellas in stormy weather. The woman who goes about from counter to counter, spending considerable time in this way, will soon be annoyed to find that she is perspiring. Going out into the cold in this condition, the chances are 99 out of 100 that she will take cold. If she goes into the shop but for ten minutes, it is wise to remove the coat. In traveling in a sleeping car in winter always call for an extra blanket, for it will be redhot when you enter the car, but a polar temperature by the middle of the night. In traveling nothing is worse for the throat than the night air. One is more likely to take cold asleep than awake, so fresh air flends should exercise discretion in insisting that the window be raised even a few inches moderate weather it is a good thing to have the window op screen just a very little bit, but when the train is to cross the mountains even in warm weather night will find the car traveling through quite an icy atmosphere. Before retiring always insist that the porter leave the

All public places of amusement are hard to ventilate. A perfect system of ventilating is difficult to obtain. In going into a concert room, le half or theater it is always best to

MARY SCOTT ROWLAND.

## SMART COATS.

somable shirt waists are made. Mercerized cotton is a novelty which will at a flavorable attention. It is simply sea island cotton with a silky surface. It is soft, pleasing to the touch, and lends itself admirably to the purpose of blouses and neglige shirt waists. This

## A FAMOUS LONDON BEAUTY TO VISIT AMERICA

of the decade is coming to Amer- home consum

self. I would advise it to be made by 2 The visitor is none of these, but Lady tailor—a good tailor—for a perfect cut Theresa Susey Helen Stewart, marchioness of Londonderry. She was married M years ago, and just the other day her son, the Viscount Castlereagh, wedded the niece of the Duke of Suth-The daughter of a hundred earls, she is and his bride have used every influences an ideal of the type which one would expect in a Lady Clara Vere de Vere.

The Londonderrys belong to an Irish ry's brother, although hereditary least pride and talent as for their splendid quire for safety from public criticism deeds. It is one of the boasts of the family that the men of the house were always brave and the women always derry was hostess to the German em-

models of luxury. On the stable boxes are silver plates recording the achieve- Salisbury the Marquis of Londonderry have used them.

a manin for dabbling. The London-when the family was attending a per-derry farm is a picture. So well is it formance at a Dublin theater the galkept that its cabbage fields are poems leries hooted and yelled in such a way and its turnip patches dreams in asthetics. The Londonderrys very rarely more violent methods of showing their exhibit any of their stock, it being their animosity to the government. Every taste to live in proud, almost regal, exclusiveness, for they feel that there is, after royalty, no better blood than lose her presence of mind. theirs in England.

her dress to suit the temperature of Londonderry is a graceful and fearless woman who rider, but, strange to say, her daughter, Lady Helen Stewart, now aged 20. Unlike many English women of nobia

HE most beautiful English woman | shows, as they are kept entirely for

of the decade is coming to American ica for a visit. This is not any professional beauty like Lily Lang.

try, who would never have been heard of out of a little set had it not been for

There are mon both good and wise. Who hold that in a ruture state. Dumb creatures we have cherished here below. Shall give us joyous greetings when we pass the

golden gate. Is it a felly that I hope it may be so? Lord Castlereagh, the Londonderrys' wedded the niece of the Duke of Sutherland. Her daughter, Lady Helen Stewart, is a belle of London society. Yet, though the marchioness is past her youth, in her splendid frime none of the young beauties can compare with her. She has a regal carriage, a perfect face and a figure that is a model in contour. The daughter of a hundred earls she is and his hide hear and his weeks ago to Miss Chaplin, a niece of the Duke of Sutherland and a considerable heir-ess, is a lieutenant in the Royal Horse young beauties can compare with her. She has a regal carriage, a perfect face and a figure that is a model in contour.

house, and Lady Londonderry's own high steward of Ireland and premier ancestors have been making history earl of England, is the one black sheep since the time of William the Norman.

The earls of Shrewsbury, who were her spectable family, and there is enough forbears, have been as famous for their of the Shrewsbury naughtiness to re-

air.

Lady Londonderry married when the though there was quite a mustering of present marquis was still Viscount Cas-the clan, Lord Shrewsbury was not dereagh, this title always being used considered respectable enough to be inby the heir to the marquisate. In 1884 vited. He did attend the recent wedLord Londonderry came into his title
of marquis. This brought to him a
handsome town house in Park lane, the
Fifth avenue of London, where the
position in polite society being far from family resides during the London sea-son. He has also five handsome coun-ter's, Eaton square, was performed by try seats, the favorite one of which is Wynyard Park. Mount Stewart, Coun-Lady Londonderry. The guests at the ty Down, Ireland, is the original family wedding included the flower of the Eng-seat. | lish nobility, for it was the smartest Wynyard Park is one of the most wedding of the season. Lord Castle-magnificent places in England. The estate is famous for its fine horses and mannered young man of no particular cattle, some of the stock of the place beng race winners. The stables and the for either the good looks or the intellect

ents of the most famous horses that was from 1886 to 1889 lord lightenant of ave used them.

Salter House at Wynyard is the manIrish peerage, the Londonderrys were or in which lives the hired expert who not popular in Dublin, much as the gal-cares for the home farm, one of those lant Irish admired Lady Londonderry's model agricultural experiments in beauty. Her tact more than once avert-which the gentlemen of England have ed unpleasant complications. Once

heirs in England.

She stepped to the front of the box.

In the stables where are kept Lady and looked up with a friendly smile at Londonderry's two favorite hunters, the galleries. For a minute the storm Fountain and Sobriquet, are 46 other went on; then the innate gallantry of bandsome animals, all reserved for the the Irish prevailed and the hooting use of the family and guests. Lady broke into applause for the beautiful

does not ride at all. Dogs are Lady birth, Lady Londonderry has always



MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY.

the park and crouch at her feet for who represents the conservative ideas hours, watching her with great, devot- and the dignity which she considers in-

Although she loves horses best, Lady Londonderry also is fond of dogs, and they are devoted to her, a fact that goes to disprove the oft repeated accusations. There is no country more fond of for enemies that she is the proudest medals and decorations than France. and coldest woman in England. Ani- and there seems no end to the bestown als have a way of judging character of honors. The latest class of people that transcends all human calculations, to be made happy are washerwomen, and their judgment is seidom, if ever, for whom there are now diplomas. On disappointing. It is beautiful to notice the Seine washerwomen play an im-

Helen's delight. The two great Scotch | been an admirer of the best class or feerhounds, Langwell and Braemore, American women. The is a friend of ove to follow the beautiful girl all over the young Duchess of Mariborough, separable from high position

ELIZABETH SCOTT RAYMOND.

MEDALS FOR LAUNDRESSES. Most coats have shallow basques and are scalloped at the edge, sometimes edged with fur. Many have vests of velvet, or vests which only show lace.

## THE WORLD OF WOMANKIND.

William Jennings Bryan's greatgrandmuther. Mrs. Mary Bryan's greatgrandmuther. Mrs. Mary Bryan's greatgrandmuther. Mrs. Mary Bryan's greatis living near Rokomo. Ind., at the
new of St. Her first husband, Louis H.
Bryan, was a soldier in the war of 1812
and in the Mexican war.

The Natal Witness says that Mrs.

Were, one of the Red Cross nurses, was
first been to a wounded Dutchman in Pietermartiburg when she received
a severe kick in the back from one of
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Tex. is said to be the only woman dep- continue his work, is looked after by ready been coupled with that of the Troy, N. Y., who early in her career duty of caring for the sick and aged